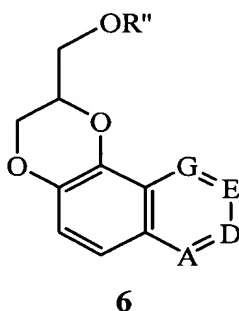


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1 to 40 (*Cancelled*)

41. (*Original*) A method of preparing a compound of Formula 6



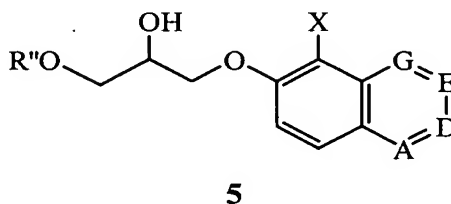
R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamido, carboalkoxy of two to six carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

A and D are selected from carbon substituted by R<sup>1</sup> and nitrogen, provided that at least one of A and D is nitrogen;

E and G are carbon, substituted by R<sup>1</sup>; and

R'' is benzyl or substituted benzyl,

comprising the step of cyclizing a compound of Formula 5

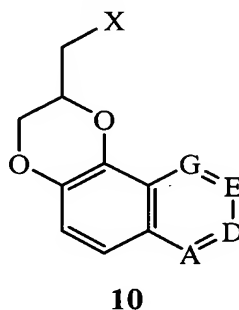


with palladium or copper catalyst.

42. (*Original*) The method of Claim 41 wherein the catalyst is a palladium catalyst.

43. *(Original)* The method of Claim 41 wherein A is nitrogen and D is carbon.

44. *(Original)* A method of preparing a compound of Formula 10



wherein

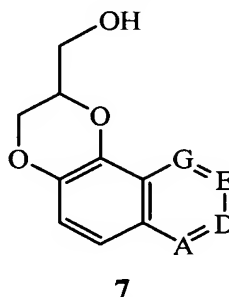
R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamido, carboalkoxy of two to six carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

A and D are selected from carbon substituted by R<sup>1</sup> and nitrogen, provided that at least one of A and D is nitrogen;

E and G are carbon, substituted by R<sup>1</sup>; and

X is I, Cl or Br;

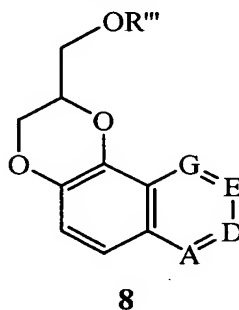
comprising activating compound of Formula 7



to halide with a standard halogenating reagent.

45. *(Original)* The method of Claim 44 wherein the halogenating agent is halophosphorous.

46. *(Original)* The method of Claim 44 wherein the halophosphorous is phosphorous triiodide, phosphorous tribromide or phosphorous pentachloride.
47. *(Original)* The method of Claim 44 wherein A is nitrogen, and D is carbon.
48. *(Original)* A method of preparing a compound of Formula 8



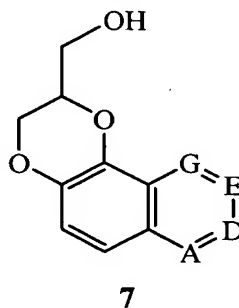
wherein R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamido, carboalkoxy of two to six carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

A and D are selected from carbon substituted by R<sup>1</sup> and nitrogen, provided that at least one of A and D is nitrogen;

E and G are carbon, substituted by R<sup>1</sup>; and

R''' is an aryl- or alkyl- sulfonate;

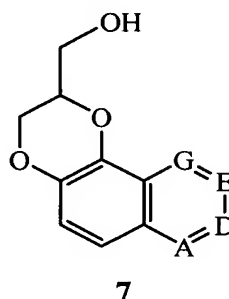
comprising activating the hydroxy moiety of the compound of formula 7



with aryl or alkyl sulfonyl chloride or with aryl or alkyl sulfonic anhydride in the presence of a base.

49. *(Original)* The method of Claim 48 wherein A is nitrogen and D is carbon.

50. *(Original)* A method of preparing a compound of Formula 7

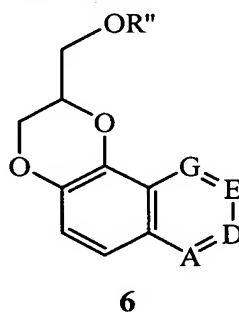


wherein R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamido, carboalkoxy of two to six carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

A and D are selected from carbon substituted by R<sup>1</sup> and nitrogen, provided that at least one of A and D is nitrogen; and

E and G are carbon, substituted by R<sup>1</sup>;

comprising debenzylating a compound of Formula 6

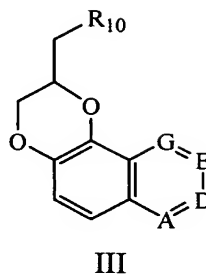


where R'' is benzyl or substituted benzyl.

51. *(Original)* The method of Claim 50 wherein A is nitrogen, and D is carbon.

Claims 52 to 53 *(Cancelled)*

54. *(Original)* A compound of the formula



wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamido, carboalkoxy of two to six carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

A and D are selected from carbon substituted by R<sup>1</sup> and nitrogen, provided that at least one of A and D is nitrogen;

E and G are carbon, substituted by R<sup>1</sup>; and

R<sub>10</sub> is hydroxy, halide or alkyl- or aryl- sulfonates; and salts thereof.

55. *(Original)* A compound of Claim 54 wherein A is nitrogen and D is carbon.